OPENING OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, ST. GEORGE'S, SOUTHWARK.—This, which is the most important structure raised in the metropolis by the Roman Catholics of the present day, and has been in progress about eight years, was consecrated on Tuesday last. When we saw it, it was filled with a thronging crowd, voices were pealing, censers waving, and examination was out of the question. We must take some other opportunity to go over it. In the chancel, and the two chapels east and west of it, with their enclosing metal work, the high altar, rood-screen, pulpit, and font, Mr. Pugin has lavished his admitted skill, apparently unconfined by thought of expense, and has produced no ordinary effect.

A NEW MINERAL USEFUL IN ARTS.—We learn that Mr. Blake, of Akron, Ohio (U.S.), has discovered a mineral, in the neighbourhood of the latter place, which promises to be of great value. He has visited Washington, and obtained a patent for it. "When first dug up, it is of the consistence of tallow, and gradually hardens in a few days, so as to resemble slate, and finally it becomes as hard as rock. It is of the colour of indigo. It is impervious both to water and fire, and admits of the finest polish. When reduced to powder, and mixed up with linseed-oil, it has the appearance of black paint, and may be spread over wood, canvas, &c. Roofs have been guarded by it against fire; and as it does not absorb the rain, it protects the rafters from decay. It consists of about one-half of silica, one-fourth alumina, with less proportions of magnesia, black oxide of iron, sulphate of iron, lime, and carbon."—*Sheffield Iris.*

DWELLINGS FOR THE POOR.—Lord Willoughby d'Eresby claims attention in the *Times* to the following, among other proposals for the improvement of the condition of the labouring classes by establishing a national or uniform poor-rate. 1, The excise duty to be remitted on bricks and flooring tiles used in repairing cottages and other dwellings rated at less than 8*l.*, or 5*l.* in the country and 8*l.* in towns; 2, also on bricks and flooring tiles used in erecting new cottages and outbuildings rated at less than 8*l.*, provided the height of the rooms is not less than 9 feet clear, and that no underground cellars or apartments are used for habitation.

ANTIQUARIES' PROTEST!—It is very coolly proposed in Prussia that the cathedrals and churches should be rifled of their ancient relics, which have the misfortune to be of gold or silver, for the immediate service of the State. A shrine of gold and silver, at Aix-la-Chapelle, surmounted by a crown, in which repose, it is said, the bones of Charlemagne; the shrine of the three kings, in Cologne Cathedral; and a rich high altar in another cathedral, are pointed at for immediate transference to the melting-pot. Such useless barbarism would be a disgrace to the age; the State that would attempt to save itself by such short-sighted means is not worth the saving.

FIRES BY WHOLESALE.—In the district of Pera, at Constantinople, another of those immense fires which are the curse of this wooden city, has just destroyed upwards of 1,800 houses and shops, occupied by the rich Armenian, European, and Greek population, at a loss estimated at 880,000*l.* The magnificent stone palace constructed by the government for the medical professors of Galata-Serai, has also been consumed, and a number of large stone houses have been greatly injured.——Orel, a town in Russia, was destroyed by fire on 7th June, and most of the inhabitants lost all they possessed. Upwards of 1,237 houses, including 50 of stone, 80,000 tschetwerts of grain, 100,000 poods of flax, and four bridges, were destroyed. The four stone churches were much injured. The loss is officially estimated at 3,425,000 silver roubles. The Emperor forwarded the sum of 50,000 roubles to the poorer people, and the ministers 10,000 roubles.——The small town of Winsen, in Hanover, has also been visited by a similar catastrophe: 27 houses, and 41 penthouses, were destroyed. The inhabitants were celebrating an annual *schützenfest-fest.*——Had the coming comet ere now arrived, it would have no doubt had to bear the blame of all the *fires*, physical and psychical, which have lately been *raging* over the face of our unhappy little planet.

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Lloyd	1,240	0	0
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Received.—"R. C. B.," "J. W." (Glasgow), "P. P." "R. S.," "J. E. O.," "J. T. T.," "J. W.," "S. E. R.," "Bude-light Nogo," "C. H. C.," "C. W. O.," "T. W. P." "Westminster Review," July; "Blackwood's Magazine," July; "Tait's Magazine," July; "Dolman's Magazine," July. View of "The Grove." Hammersmith: Messrs. Thompson and Morgan architects. View of Interior of Saffron Walden Church: by W. Doyley. "The Sugar Question, in relation to Free Trade." (Nichols and Son.)

"*Books, Prices, and Addresses,*"—We have not time to point out books or find addresses.

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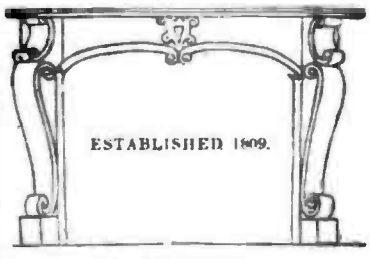

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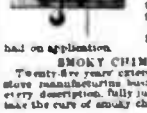

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